

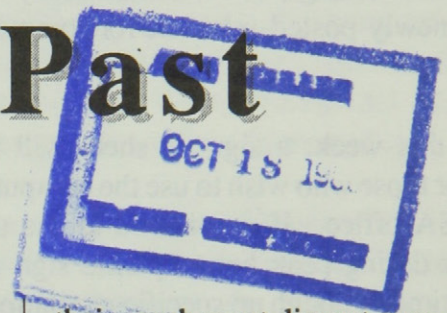
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## The Glorious Past



### Seven Years Ago in the *Quid*

Is it possible that students at McGill's Faculty of Law were once *activists* for their own rights? For its historical value and for your entertainment we reproduce a letter which appeared in the *Quid* on March 11, 1981. At issue was a demand by students for increased representation on the Faculty Council. The week before, a "day of silence" had been organized to protest the Faculty's rejection of the student request.

"Last Wednesday's day of silence was an unqualified success although the gains are somewhat intangible. One important result is that we learned a lot about the attitudes of students and faculty members.

Students showed they can act with a high degree of solidarity even though the immediate effect was probably equally burdensome to students and teachers. Only in first year, it seems, was there any significant degree of active dissent. Perhaps these dissenters have not yet had the opportunity to experience the full range of frustrations possible in law school.

More interesting was the response of faculty members. The large majority were cooperative, often good humoured, and saw to it that

students suffered as little as possible. This responsible attitude would have been the best way to convince students that the protest was unnecessary, even rather foolish. What it does show to the student population is what students "in the know" probably already realize: that a large number of professors are genuinely concerned with the students' interests and willing to cooperate even though on some issues they may vote against us.

Fortunately for the cause of student radicalism, a small group of influential reactionaries were also dramatically revealed in their true colours. These few went out of their way to retaliate against the students, many of whom were first years and perhaps less able to make up for lost class material on their own. This obvious desire to strike back at students in general by harming those within

their reach must disgust even those sympathetic colleagues who were nevertheless able to exercise a laudable degree of self-control. By lashing out irresponsibly, these professors have provided the best justification for effective student input into faculty matters. Obviously the mere fact of being a McGill law professor is no guarantee of ability to make decisions in the best interests of students or the school... "

Peter Dauphin

(Although the writer of this letter continued to stress the need for greater student involvement and awareness of issues facing the Faculty, no further action was taken on the issue of student representation at that time.)

## Placement Office Update

As you may already be aware, the Placement Office has undergone a few changes this summer. In particular, a questionnaire regarding summer and articling employment opportunities for law students was prepared. I sent this questionnaire to larger size law firms all across Canada. At present, I am in the process of expanding the survey to include government agencies, corporations with in-house legal departments and some of the smaller firms (10 lawyers or less). I have received a fairly good response from the

large law firms so we are looking forward to the same from the other groups.

The purpose in sending out these questionnaires is to establish a comprehensive database on employment opportunities. We are still busy inputting the information we have received so far into the computer. The exact means we are going to employ to provide easy access to the information has not yet been fully developed but I hope to  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LSA Computer Users

To: All users of the Computer in the LSA office

From: Colin Chang (VP Administration)

Re: The newly-posted schedule for computer usage

Starting this week, a sign-up sheet will be posted for those who wish to use the computer in the LSA office. If you intend to use the computer during peak hours, please sign up ahead of time. Though no specific regulations are in force, you are asked to bear in mind that the computer is in great demand during peak hours. Please govern your use of the machine accordingly. By the way, if you sign up to use the computer and don't show up within a reasonable time (say 15 minutes), it is only fair that you forfeit your time block should someone else want to use it.

For now, we will see how things work out. If difficulties and complaints persist, a general policy and set of regulations will be forthcoming.

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## Forthcoming Career Seminars

Career choices and job searching make you dizzy? The Faculty's Placement Office has organized a series of seminars that could help you make an informed decision on your future. Two seminars have already been held, one on corporate in-house legal departments, the other on large urban law firms. Both were informative and stimulating. Don't miss the upcoming sessions.

The third seminar in the series will take place on October 19th, at noon, in room 202. Two graduates of this Faculty will speak on some of the opportunities available to you outside of the formal practice of law. Both of them are now pursuing careers in business and finance: Mr. Ian Adilman (B.C.L., LL.B. 1981) works with the well known brokerage firm of Merrill

Lynch Canada, and Mr. Eris Salvatori (B.C.L., LL.B. 1980) is the president of J.S.R. Financial Services.

On October 26, at noon, in room 202, two guests will discuss career opportunities involving public interest work. The Placement Office has invited Mr. Stephen Fineberg (B.C.L. 1980, LL.B. 1981) and Ms. Diane Bélanger to speak on this topic. Mr. Fineberg has been with the Office des droits des détenus for the last six years, while Ms. Bélanger does public interest work within a small women-only law firm.

Enfin, Me Anne-Marie Trahan, sous-ministre associée au Ministère de la justice fédéral, visitera la Faculté le 2 novembre 1988. Me Trahan souhaite rencontrer les étudiants qui ont une bonne connaissance du français et qui sont inscrits au programme de LL.B. ou au Programme National. Elle traitera des possibilités de carrière dans la fonction publique que s'ouvrent aux juristes de common law parlant français. Me Trahan sera au local 203 de midi à treize heures.

Deux autres séminaires auront lieu plus tard à l'automne. Tous les étudiants, de la première à la quatrième année, sont les bienvenus, et peuvent tirer profit de ces séances d'information.

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## Telephone Directory

The telephone directory arrived last week as a result of the excellent efforts of Pierre Larouche.

There are only enough copies so as to allow one per student. Thus, we ask you all to exercise a little restraint. If you need a copy, see your class president or come to the LSA office.

Unfortunately, we had to wait a few weeks to

receive the class lists from the Registrar's Office. Thus, we had only a short amount of time to correct any errors. Therefore, if your number is incorrect, please write your name and number on a piece of paper and put it into the suggestion box in the LSA office. In a couple of weeks, we will publish in the *Quid* a list of corrected numbers.

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## Appointment of New Professor

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Governors of McGill University has appointed Mr. Pierre Marc Johnson to a position as professor in the Faculty of Law, and as Director of the programme in Medicine, Ethics and Law and the Environments of Persons in the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. Professor Johnson is now in residence in the Faculty and will be teaching a course entitled Les politiques, la politique et la législation in second semester. I know you will join me in welcoming Professor Johnson to the Faculty of Law.

Roderick A. Macdonald.

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## Acapulco, Barbados, Cuba?

What are you doing for spring break? Your LSA President is going to organize a group holiday. If you think that you could tolerate a few days in the sun with a bunch of fellow law students at wholesale prices, please leave your name and number in my mailbox in the LSA office (a.s.a.p.). As soon as 20 people have indicated interest (minimum necessary to qualify for a group rate), a meeting will be held to determine a possible destination.

Adios amigos,  
Norbert Haensel.



# Et si le monde avait un sens!

par Jeanne Cadorette, B.C.L. IV

Le 6 octobre dernier la Faculté de droit et InterAmicus recevait le Professeur Robert Drinan S.J. lors de la seconde conférence annuelle Natan Sharansky sur les droits humains.

Cette série de conférences amorcée l'an dernier n'a laissé jusqu'ici personne indifférent. Le Professeur Drinan, comme Elie Weisel l'an dernier, a captivé son auditoire et nous a laissé avec beaucoup de problèmes à solutionner mais surtout avec un regain d'optimisme et le goût d'agir.

La protection des droits humains a été jusqu'à maintenant l'affaire de groupes non-gouvernementaux selon le Professeur Drinan. Des mouvements comme ceux d'Amnistie internationale ont beaucoup fait pour mettre le respect des droits humains à l'avant-plan de la scène politique mondiale.

Tout au long de son exposé, le Père Drinan a mis en évidence la capacité et la responsabilité qu'ont les avocats d'agir dans le sens de la défense des droits humains. Ils peuvent revendiquer, au nom des victimes, les droits que plusieurs pays bafouent et combattre avec tous les outils de logique et de persuasion qu'ils possèdent, les violations aux traités et déclarations qui énoncent les droits fondamentaux de tous les êtres humains.

Le Professeur Drinan a exposé en plusieurs points l'agenda des droits humains qui selon lui permettrait d'aller plus loin dans le respect de la dignité humaine. Notre première préoccupation devrait être celle d'arriver à enrayer la faim dans le monde. Le droit de manger c'est fondamentalement le droit de vivre, droit que est une condition à l'exercice de tous les autres. Selon lui, oeuvrer pour la défense des autres droits n'a aucun sens si le droit de se nourrir n'est pas respecté. Les

démographes estiment qu'en l'an deux mille 6.2 milliards de personnes vivront sur cette planète alors qu'aucune planification n'aura été faite au sujet de leur subsistance. La recherche de remèdes à de nombreuses maladies et la distribution de médicaments aux pays sous-développés devront aussi être à l'agenda des droits humains.

La situation en Afrique de Sud devrait tous nous préoccuper selon le Professeur Drinan. Si la situation était renversée et que 3 millions de Noirs dominaient 28 millions de Blancs en Afrique du Sud, les Marines américains et les soldats canadiens seraient déjà en route vers Johannesburg. Des mesures de représailles plus drastiques devraient être prises contre le régime Botha. Quel degré de violence devra être atteint avant que nous agissions

concrètement?

Le Professeur Drinan a aussi soulevé le problème de la pauvreté et celui des sans-abris aux Etats-Unis sous une administration que ne semble pas s'être souciee des laissés pour compte du système économique.

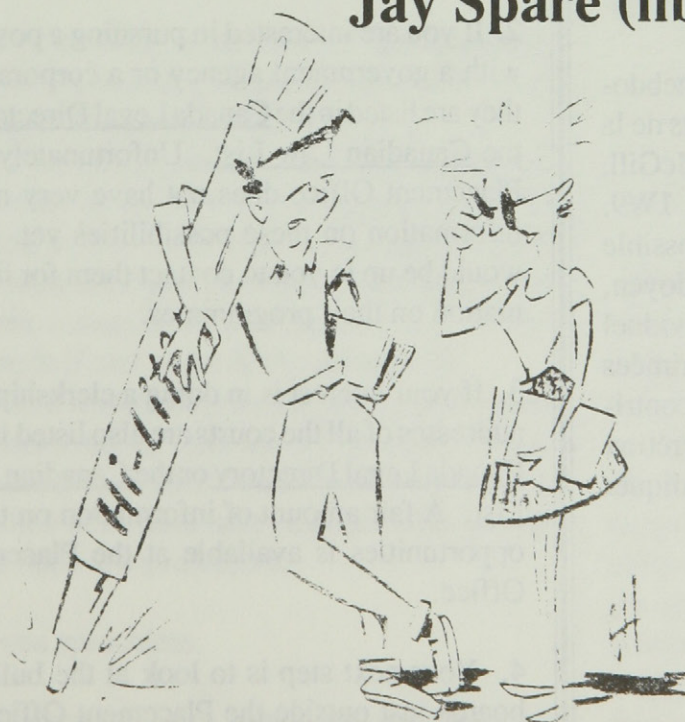
La création d'une Commission des Nations-Unies sur les droits humains fait aussi partie de l'échéancier du Père Drinan. Faire connaître les violations aux droits humains, mettre sur la sellette ceux qui participent aux régimes de torture, de peur et de violence, voilà autant de façon d'alerter l'opinion mondiale et de conscientiser les pays plus favorisés.

L'existence de la peine de mort dans plusieurs pays dont les Etats-Unis retient l'attention du

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## Caption Contest #1

The Winning caption was submitted by  
Jay Spare (llb II)



"Don't fight it baby, its bigger than both of us"



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have this tool available for your use in the very near future. The database will include such information as the size of the firm, its areas of specialization, types of benefits offered and the salary ranges. The aim of the questionnaire was to get basic information on each firm as well as to ask some of the questions you may be a little reluctant to ask in an interview.

Since the Placement Office opened, I have had several inquiries regarding the process of applying for positions. Therefore, I am including here a few steps you can take before visiting so that you may best utilize your time and the resources available.

1. The best place to start is the Law Library. There are several sources that list the law firms in Canada, unfortunately no one of them is perfectly suitable for putting together your list of potential future employers. The best book is Martindale-Hubbell (located near the reserve desk) which lists most of the major firms in Canada as well as their approximate size and areas of concentration. For more comprehensive lists of law firms you can consult either the Canada Legal Directory or the Canadian Law List which are available behind the circulation desk. The flaws with these latter sources is that they simply list the firms and do not have information regarding specialization. So these book will simply aid you in narrowing your list with regard to size.

2. If you are interested in pursuing a position with a government agency or a corporation, they are listed in the Canada Legal Directory or the Canadian Law List. Unfortunately, the Placement Office does not have very much information on these possibilities yet so it would be up to you to contact them for information on their programmes.

3. If your interest is in doing a clerkship, the addresses of all the courts are also listed in the Canada Legal Directory or the Canadian Law List. A fair amount of information on these opportunities is available at the Placement Office.

4. Your next step is to look at the bulletin boards just outside the Placement Office. I post all the most recent listings sent to us from

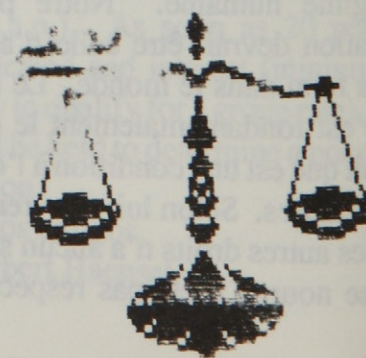
firms, etc. regarding positions that are or will be available. This is an important source to keep checking as new listings are constantly coming in.

5. Once you have done your best to narrow your list of potential employers, then the next step is to visit the Placement Office. We can go over your list and pull out the files to give you a better idea of who the employer is. At this stage the most relevant information we may have is the size of the firm, its areas of specialization, deadlines for applications and the contact person. The rest of the information will be more applicable when you find out which of the firms you will be interviewing with. At this stage the Placement Office could be indispensable for providing background information on the firm or organization so that you will be well prepared for your interview.

6. Once you have your list ready it is time to put together your application; including a résumé, cover letter and transcripts. For an excellent resource on how to do this properly, I suggest you get your hands on a copy of Peter Hoffmann's Career Handbook for Law Students. This book has invaluable information on how to prepare your résumé, how to approach an interview properly, what is involved in a Matching Programme, and much, much more. Usually this handbook is on sale at the Law Bookstore, but due to the fact that McGill and Peter were offered the opportunity to commercially publish the handbook, it is presently with the publisher and will not be ready for distribution until January. So, if you can wait that long, we suggest you get a copy which will only cost about \$13.00.

These are basically the steps that we all must go through to have the opportunity to enter the realm of the "real world" where we will get paid for all our efforts. I am looking forward to having the database ready as I

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# BULL-ETINS

## Highlighting Service Inaugurated

First-year students are advised that a new study service is available in the library. All first-year course materials - required, supplemental and keener - have been highlighted and placed on reserve under the heading Zino: the Man and the Law. Students wishing to do all the readings without having to do *all* the reading are urged to take advantage of these pre-highlighted materials. Reserve materials also include mail-outs from the law Faculty, some newspapers - mostly sports and comics - and restaurant menus. While the latter few items may not be helpful in first-year courses, they are included as a guide to how to maximize your highlighter in extra-curricular activities. A short talk and slide presentation on highlighting is tentatively scheduled for an upcoming coffee-house. Upper year students are advised that work has commenced on Taxation, P.I.L., Common Law Property and much much more.

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## Psych Study Results

The McGill Department of Psychology has released the results of a study it conducted last year in the law Faculty's notorious "Pit" and "Kafkateria". The study sought to evaluate the levels of inconvenience and annoyance tolerable by mammals while eating and/or at leisure. The researchers found the conditions of the "Pit" ideal: a noisy, airless corridor with tables inadequately complemented by fewer than necessary chairs. A control group, sent to Thomson House and the Common room, were observed by researchers to be rested and refreshed following their lunch. The test group, alternated between the "Pit" and the "Kafkateria", exhibited characteristics of being slightly to fairly irritated and spent their lunch hours growling, nibbling, debating legal issues and hijacking chairs. By all

appearance, the Psychology Department's study has resumed again this semester. Prof. Frode, director of the study, admitted that they had wanted to use rats, but settled for law students since "there are some things even rats will not do".

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## Upcoming Lectures

**Professor Benson** will deliver a discussion today at noon in the Ivory Tower Annex entitled "Toward a Moral Conception of Hats".

**Professor Simmonds** will lecture to the Education Faculty tonight on "Literary Metaphors, Parentheticals and Other Obfuscatory Pedagogical Techniques".

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## Time-Management Programme

McGill's *Self-Help Workshop Series* is offering a programme on efficient time-management. Meetings will take place Mondays through Thursdays in the lounge of Thomson House from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Workshop duration - October to December. All interested are welcome

# Abby Initio

Dear Abby Initio,

I was working in the library late Saturday night, researching a legal opinion for my best friend who lives in Ontario.

My best friend, whom I'll call X, asked me whether or not he had been given a freehold estate by his uncle. His uncle recently gave X's aunt a 21-year leasehold estate and, in the same conveyance, a remainder to X in fee simple if and when X should turn 30.

While researching on the 5th floor, I heard noises coming from the S.C.R. aisle. Upon investigating, I discovered X's lovely fiancée locked in a passionate embrace with one of the male law professors.

I was speechless.

They continued to 'make-out' until the professor, catching sight of me, grabbed his

briefcase and briefs and ran out. I fell awful and torn. What should I say to X?

Confused.

Dear Confused,

Tell X that his uncle's grant to him of a fee simple in remainder fails. Per Middleton J in Re Smith and Dale (1919) H.C.O. 55 D.L.R. 275, a contingent remainder must be supported by a prior particular estate. X's aunt has a leasehold estate and cannot support seisin. Seisin cannot be held in abeyance until X is 30 years old. Therefore, the grant to X fails. A counter-argument, however, can be made pursuant to the dicta in Re Smith and Dale in conjunction with the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, R.S.O. 1980, c.90, s.2.



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think it will really help make this task more manageable.

As few deadlines to note:

### Montreal

- there are no set times for articling interviews, however, it is best to apply early as many firms hire articling students up to three years before they are to begin their *stage*.
- usually interviews are held in the spring of the students' second year (of the four year National Programme) but this is not always the case so keep informed and watch for listings on the bulletin board.

### Toronto

- articling positions are filled through a Matching Programme
- all interviews are held during a one week period in the middle of August for articles that will commence the following spring.

### Ottawa

- interviews for articling positions are held during May and early June for students who will be ready to article the following year.

### Vancouver

- like Toronto, they also have a Matching Programme and hold all interviews during a week in August.

### Calgary and Edmonton

- student in their second year of law school (in a three year degree programme) are interviewed during the end of December and early January
- so second year students interested in applying to firms in either of these two cities should start getting their résumés together now.

### Saskatoon and Regina

- interviews can be held in either your second or third year of law school
- if you want to interview in your second year the University of Saskatchewan College of Law prefers that it is done after January
- if your preference is during your third year, most interviews are held between September and December.

### Winnipeg

- all interviews are regulated through the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba
- they are held for two days during the last week of October for the articling term that is to commence the following spring
- out-of-town students **may** be granted special permission by the Law Society of Manitoba to interview at another time.

### Halifax

- the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie conduct a recruiting day in October for initial screening interviews in which out-of-town students may participate
- otherwise, it is your responsibility to arrange other times for interviews.

### Summer Positions

- the generally accepted practice for most provinces is that interviews for summer positions are held in the early spring
- exceptions are generally made for out-of-town students who are often allowed to interview during their Christmas break.

For further information, please feel free to stop by the Placement Office during the office hours posted on the door. Professor Jutras and Suzan Roy Gasperec are also available to help you in your employment pursuits.

Kim Fallis-Howell

## Glorious Past!

From time to time, the *Quid Novi* will include in its editions glimpses of the Law Faculty's past. Through the "archives" of the LSA, we will be able to travel into the past and to see how our predecessors were not so different from us.

On reading this first article, you might conclude that we appear to be more civilized (at least on the surface...). A party was held and legal consequences followed:

List of Damages Sustained by  
Le Cercle Universitaire de Montréal, Inc.  
on the Famous Night of December 10th,  
1952

### A. Broken Articles\* (Replacement Cost)

1. 11 plates at \$.75	\$8.75
2. 8 cups at .40	\$3.20
3. 6 saucers at .22	1.32
4. 10 glasses at .24	2.50
5. 14 ashtrays at .12	1.68
6. 3 sugar bowls at 1.45	4.35
7. 2 bread baskets at 2.25	4.50
8. 3 torn napkins at 1.25	3.75
9. Bulbs, etc. in Xmas tree	3.00
Total:	\$32.55

### B. Damages Articles\*\* (Cost of Repairs)

10. Broken Chair	\$3.50
11. Burnt Table Cover	4.00
Total:	\$7.50

### C. Souvenir Hunters' Delight\*\*\* (Actual Cost)

12. 18 silver knives at 1.40	\$25.20
13. 17 silver forks at 1.15	19.55
14. 3 soup spoons at .75	2.25
15. 19 tea spoons at .55	10.45
16. 1 telephone book cover at 3.50	3.50
17. 7 salt & pepper containers at .50	3.50
Total:	\$64.45

### D. Miscellaneous (Legitimate Items Not Included in Total)

18. Cleaning of hall floor (Night Work)	\$35
19. Cleaning of soiled carpet (Main Hall)	\$5
20. Cleaning of men's room	\$6
21. Heavily soiled and damaged linen	
22. Soiled walls, upholstery, etc.	
23. Wasted paper, towels, liquid soap, etc.	
24. Torn leather chair seats	
25. Spilt sugar, salt, pepper, cream, etc.	
26. Severe criticism of Club members	

Grand Total: \$104.50

\* Another \$15-\$20 could be added for chipped chinaware.

\*\* Many other items; palm trees, woodwork, etc., not mentioned

\*\*\* True figures for missing silverware positively higher than shown. Were the boys told our price included gratuities and also utensils?



# Homage to Abraham

by Etham Friedman

*We were slated to appear in that Norman Lear sit-com that never was.*

*The two iconoclast legal ostriches bickering along lonesome Chancellor Day corridors, the elder hurling barbed epithets, the bearded junior partner gleaming in cynical delight.*

Sometime ago, desperately unemployed and contemplating a long summer, I walked listlessly up the steep incline of an Outremont sidestreet which spills into Côte Ste. Catherine. I had never cleaned someone's pool before but then I had never been so desperate. As the door opens, I'm greeted by a familiar figure: pastel grey loafers, the last wisps of hair combed back over a shiny speckled scalp and those narrow suspicious eyes. Yes, it's Abraham, the infamous bailiff turned law student. He looks at me. "Hi, I just happened to be in the neighbourhood. We're raising money for the Sandanistas," I quip. "Ethan, you know you are still number one on my sh— parade," he mutters.

This is Abe's favourite line. It can be traced back to the hoop jumping initiations of first year. Even at that early juncture the elder sage among the seedlings was fairly well known in the faculty. Abe had slowly made his presence felt, transcending the nearly fifty year gap that yawned between himself and his classmates with grace and aplomb. Of course, had one penetrated this merry avuncular exterior the slumbering grumpy beast would inevitably be roused.... The fire in his eye, obscenities flying, jaws clenched, sat riveted as the bailiff whipped through for the third time the goddamn self-evident cindergarten basics of emphyteusis. Yes, that wild evening in the basement bomb shelter Chancellor Day lounge was the beginning. The tone had been set. Of course, pre-exam Civil Law Property tutoring was one thing. You could always walk away and try to xerox the dead sea scroll Marler treatise rotting on reserve. But the moot?

I had searched diligently for a partner but the old boys networks had been systematically sealed off from all marginals. This left a hodge podge of orphaned misfits and it was with thus a perverse sense of dread that I confirmed from a pit bulletin board that my first year Mooting comrade was to be the sprightly Abe Selinger.

It was all too true. The preparation work was divided. Two study carols in the library were glumly bolted together. Our client was a tanked up clochard who wandered into a beckoning construction site. Abe was on his fifty-fifth trespass railway case, it was day six, he started shooting from the hip. "Fine, Abraham, just start to get something down on paper," I begged. Many filed by paying their respects with knowing glances of sympathy and condolence.

Somehow the factum was piecing itself together. We were up on the fifth floor. I asked Abe for his submissions, (a little editing would be necessary). But my skippering, unbeknownst to me, had gone too far. The seemingly dormant volcano began to spray lava in all directions. The D.L.R.'s were shaken by guttural shouts seldom heard outside the brasserie or locker room. My perceived arrogance had truly hurt this now flushed hysterical figure. No, there would be no editing. The bailiff would serve his own arguments on the typist. Blook feud notwithstanding, the factum was somehow miraculously stamped at 4:00 p.m. by a cheerful Grenadian officer and the pleadings lay just beyond the horizon.

During the limbo interim, given the spacious contours of the Faculty, avoidance was no problem: I rarely left my locker. Yet, inevitably, there were some run-ins, icy hostile stares juxtaposed with light-hearted schoolyard banter, the others completely unaware of the state of siege. Pleadings night represented a sort of dramatic catharsis and the brooding protest was strangely forgotten. Punctuating the room with thunderous oratory including

biblical metaphors and repeating "our client", the Selinger freight train barreled over a frightened bench who begged sheepishly to be properly addressed and not to be interrupted. Basking in post-game champagne glory Abe sniped quietly, "you weren't forceful enough".

Like war scarred veterans our relationship matured as we ducked and danced through second year. I became Abe's confidant as he kvetched extensively about choosing the wrong contracts professor ("the Blaine of our existence" Anon.). About this time I'd began to frequent the streamlined Sorbonne of local law libraries at the Université de Montréal. Invariably, on weekends, as if to announce his presence a resounding clearing of the throat would trumpet from one end of the building to the other. Alas, this is a vestige of the chain smoking hustle era of Abe the bailiff when the only enemy was the cops slapping on parking tickets and moving

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## Le Père Drinan cont'd from p.3

Professeur Drinan qui y voit là un autre combat à mener pour les défenseurs des droits humains.

A une question posée par l'assemblée au sujet du transport de déchets toxiques et non-toxiques des pays industrialisés vers les pays sous-développés, le conférencier à comparer ce crime à celui de l'esclavage.

Prêtre et ardent défenseur des droits humains, le Père Drinan place sa foi au centre de son cheminement. Les violations des droits humains sont nombreuses mais plus l'opinion publique sera alertée plus les pressions seront fortes pour que cessent ces pratiques déshumanisantes. A l'instar d'Eli Weisel l'an dernier le Père Drinan aurait pu nous dire que l'important est de ne pas se taire.



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violations and the speedometer rolled over thousands of kilometers as he tooled mercilessly all over the island serving until the stroke of ten. This wealth of experience has produced Abe's patented opening line in conversation. Priding himself for his Scrooge like bad guy demeanor he predictably cajoles, "I've made a career out of evicting widows and orphans". this Dickens like creature, now in his seventieth year has basically seen it all. The man reputedly still sleeps with the Civil Code of Procedure under his pillow.

Last year was spent with Abe basically hounding me about the glorious CONTRA cause ("Freedom Fighters Abraham, it sounds so much more appealing, "I would urge), and embracing with wondrous zeal every other reactionary stance imaginable, from Third World incompetence: "There is only one civilized country in Africa" (Guess who Botha boosters?), to cliched praise for President Reagan. Incidentally, the man has the insight to be the Paul Harvey of Canada and I want him lecturing daily on syndicated radio networks cross country. Unfortunately, the Selinger diatribe contains at its purest an unacceptable proportion of obscenities making such a vocation an impossibility...

Second semester, the inter-generational odd couple had another tango together in a course we would both assume forget. The old sparring was again renewed and as Abe's frustration mounted thanks to the gross incompetence displayed by the instructor, so was his testiness raised with our encounters. "Abe, what are liquidated damages again?" I might ask Ed Nortonishly. He'd snap, "Ethan, I don't know why I bother with you, you're hopeless. Don't you know anything?" Reluctantly, he'd give an explanation, his jaws shut, teeth clenched, barely moving his lips all to show his disgust.

Well, here I am at the doorstep. Abe has himself quite a nice immovable in Outremont sandwiched between two Superior Court judges thus maintaining the legal wavelength. I'd been bugging him about cleaning the old pool for a few dollars. Nope, he has a man for that he says matter of factly.

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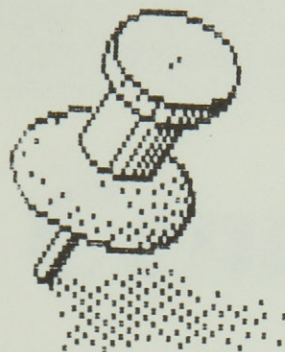




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We chat about the Schenkes and the Schneiders and such. Then Abe plays his final card. "Ethan, I'm not coming back," he sighs. "Come on Abe, how much do you have left, really?" I implore. No need to elaborate: too much agony what with the idiotic arbitrary one hundred percent shoot-out, the academic hocus-pocus, the pressure, who needs it. So that's it. You won't have Abe Selinger to kick around anymore type of thing. He cracks a smile and we stare at one another ... And that's how I left him, suspended in a curious sort of exile.

The full impact of this decision has scarcely been felt. The faculty gives the appearance of normalcy but all is not well. Selinger, the man for all seisins walks these halls, it is said. And when down in the abandoned cafeteria after making that demented descent for xerox change in the dreary evening hours, he can be heard muttering a familiar phrase: "You are all number one on my sh— parade."



Editor's Note: Subsequent to the completion of this article, the *Quid* has learned that, perhaps inspired by Guy Lafleur's recent return bid to the N.H.L., Abraham has shocked this venerable institution by, in effect, coming out of retirement.

Unimpressed by the pundits who said it just couldn't be done and unfazed by reduced ice time, this heroic figure is again among us.

On opening day, he was seen cradling the latest Stikeman tax brick with that characteristic Selinger snarl.

Hang in there, Abe!

# Sports Corner

## Le Coin des Sportifs

### Law Games - Jeux-Ridiques

Forms for participants are now available from your class presidents. These forms should be filled out and returned to the class president, along with a cheque for \$25 to the order of LSA Sports Committee. For more information, leave a message in the Athletic Coordinator's box.

Des formules d'inscription pour les Jeux-ridiques sont maintenant disponibles auprès de vos présidents de classe. Celles-ci devraient être remplies et remises à votre président de classe, accompagnées d'un chèque de 25\$ à l'ordre du "LSA Sports Committee". Pour plus de renseignements,

veuillez laisser un message dans la boîte du coordonnateur des sports.

### Squash

Le tournoi de squash avec l'Université de Montréal aura bientôt lieu. Il reste encore deux ou trois places (hommes et femmes) disponibles. Veuillez laisser un message si vous êtes intéressés.

The squash tournament with Université de Montréal will be held soon. We still need two or three more players (men and women). If you are interested, please leave a message in the Athletic Coordinator's box.